



City of Clay

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PRE-COUNCIL MINUTES March 14, 2017

The City Council of the City of Clay, Alabama held a Pre-Council meeting on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall with Mayor Webster presiding and City Manager Ronnie Dixon serving as recorder.

Mayor Webster called the meeting to order.

Council members present were:

Councilor Don Baker, Councilor Becky Johnson, Councilor Bo Johnson, Councilor Dennis Locke, Councilor Ben Thackerson, and Mayor Webster

Absent: None

The Council discussed the agenda items for the regular City Council meeting. Mr. Dixon announced that they would be opening bids for the Red Barn property during the council meeting. He stated that Shadow Lake Road is the next on the road paving list.

Mayor Webster has spoken to people on Lake in the Woods to annex into the city and so far, we have received 2 annexation petitions.

Mr. Dixon reported that Station #5 is building a clean room for their turn-out gear and the city building fund will be paying for materials while the fire station will provide the labor.

Mr. Dixon reported that Clearview Baptist is in the process of surveying the property behind the church which backs up to Millington and is going to deed it to the City of Clay for the purpose of a cul de sac for public safety use.

Councilor Thackerson inquired about the parking lot at Cosby Lake and Mr. Dixon said things are going as well as they can with the wet weather and that it should be completed soon.

Mr. Dixon stated there would be an Industrial Development meeting on the DYS property on March 31, 2017. He reported the original name of Cosby lake was Turkey Creek Lake in 1899. The State will be discussing what they will/will not allow us to do as they are having the property appraised for sale.

Mr. Dixon reported that Jefferson County will not be spraying ROW this year and he is in negotiation with Kellis to spray our roads.

Mr. Dixon asked the council to consider making garbage service mandatory for all residents as many of our problems arise from houses that do not have garbage service and allow their garbage and debris to pile up outside their homes.

Mr. Dixon reported he has spoken to the Postmaster and that we are past the application phase of the process of getting our own zip code.

Mr. Dixon stated that opening day of the ballpark is April 1, 2017 and there will be funhouses free for all children that day. The carnival will be in Clay the week of April 17-22 and will be located on the Lichenstein property beside the post office.



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Councilor Bo Johnson discussed doing movies in the park again this summer but no dates were set.

The Summer Reading Program at the library was discussed.

Senate Bill 31 was discussed and Mr. Dixon told the council he was going to Montgomery the following day to lobby against this bill for all municipalities.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ronnie Dixon
City Manager



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The City Council of the City of Clay met in regular session on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, at 6:35 p.m. at Clay City Hall. Mayor Webster presided over the meeting and City Manager Ronnie Dixon, served as recorder.

Mayor Webster called the meeting to order. Councilor Bo Johnson opened in prayer and Chaz Hart led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of those present was answered by the following: Councilor Baker, Councilor Becky Johnson, Councilor Bo Johnson, Councilor Locke, Councilor Thackerson, and Mayor Webster

Absent: None

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve the Pre-and Regular Council meeting minutes of February 28, 2017.

Councilor Locke made a motion to approve the Pre-and Regular Council meeting minutes of February 28, 2017, which was seconded by Councilor Bo Johnson and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda.

Councilor Baker made a motion to approve tonight's Meeting Agenda, which was seconded by Councilor Bo Johnson and approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Webster called for a motion to approve tonight's Consent Agenda.

Councilor Becky Johnson made a motion to approve tonight's Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Councilor Baker. The motion was put before the Council and a roll call vote was conducted with the results as follows:

Yeas: Councilors Baker, Johnson, Johnson, Locke, Thackerson, and Mayor Webster.

Nays: None

Under Mayor and Council Comments

Mayor Webster reminded stated that everything is going well at the school. New tile has been installed in the foyer of the auditorium and new carpet. Mayor Webster and Mr. White's class finished the backstop for the girls' softball field.

Mayor Webster also reminded everyone that Mike Booth has started the 2nd Saturday singings at the Community Center from 6-8pm and invited everyone to attend.

Councilor Baker reported the hole at Paradise Lane has been repaired and is doing good. He thanked our deputies for doing such a good job.

Councilor Becky Johnson reported that the Senior Center recently took a trip to City Market in Pell City which they all enjoyed, with 24 attending.

Councilor Bo Johnson welcomed Great Clips to the Clay area, which opened last Friday. He also announced that Metro PCS will be joining Clay soon, date to be determined. Councilor Johnson reported that there will be a Clay United Community Dinner on April 4, 2017 at 6:30 to discuss community projects.



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Councilor Locke introduced Angie McGowan from CCMS who wanted to address the council. Ms. McGowan thanked the council for the scholarship for her exceptional education class. She stated chrome books were purchased with the money donated and her class was so excited they made thank you cards, which she presented to the council.

Councilor Locke introduced Felicia Willingham from CCMS Ambassadors Program. Ms. Willingham asked student Ambassador Clarence Christian to address the council. Christian introduced himself and explained what the Ambassador program at CCMS does and that they must be recommended to be ambassadors and go through an application process.

Councilor Baker commended Ambassador Christian for speaking and to all the student ambassadors for what they do for the school and the students at CCMS.

Mayor Webster stated he was called by Chalkville Elementary Principal Rod Johnson regarding some playground repairs and that Mr. Dixon had the part replaced and the playground is fixed. Mr. Johnson sent Mayor Webster a thank you note.

Councilor Thackerson stated that Jane Anderton has set the date of April 22, 2017 for Cosby beautification day and anyone who would like to help is welcome to come. He reported the expansion on the parking lot is coming along when weather allows and stated he would like to add some exercise equipment to the park at various places.

Under Reading of Petitions, Applications, Complaints, Appeals, Communications, etc., Mayor Webster announced that there were none.

Under the City Manager's Report, Mr. Dixon opened the bids for the "Red Barn" property demolition. Two bids were received. One was TUC Pipeline for \$ 13,995.00 and all their paperwork was in order. The second was from S & W Construction aka Roger Shirley for \$ 5,000.00 and there were questions about his paperwork. Mr. Dixon said he would consider the bids and report at the next council meeting.

Mr. Dixon reported that the next road to be paved would be Shadow Lake.

Mr. Dixon reported the account balances in the General Fund = \$786,489.55; Contractors Bond = \$147,165.80; Capital Improvement Fund = \$401,432.71; 4 & 5 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$137,987.16; 7 Cent Gasoline Fund = \$79,121.91; Building Fund = \$400,000.00; Paving Supplement Fund = \$325,000.00; Contingency Fund = \$1,100,000.00; BBT Fund = \$77,563.84; Ballpark Registration Income = \$44,922.33; and Ballpark Sports Expense = (\$48,555.21).

Public Comments: none

Mayor Webster announced that the next City Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, at 6:30 pm with Pre-Council at 6:00 pm.

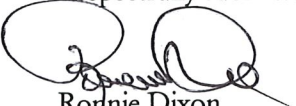
Councilor Thackerson made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Councilor Bo Johnson and approved by a unanimous vote.



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The City Council adjourned at 7:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Ronnie Dixon
City Manager